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**Favorable – HB 646 – Drivers Licensing – Self-Reporting of Medical Conditions**

Dear Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

Thank you for your consideration of HB 646 that simply prioritizes the professional judgment of an applicant's personal physician in decisions on whether to issue or cancel a driver's license when that person has self-disclosed a medical condition. Maryland Law requires self-disclosure of medical diagnoses that have been identified by the MVA as potentially hazardous for drivers. The process for determination of a person's fitness to drive is inconsistent and "case-dependent" and may often include re-examination through written, cognitive or driving tests. In some cases, these may require participation in a driver's education program and a valid driver's instructional permit. This bill also requires that the MVA establish an expedited process for a learner's instructional permit for drivers whose licenses have been canceled due to medical self-disclosure and who need access to skill acquisition.

For most Marylanders, the ability to drive is a necessity for economic and community inclusion. The system for this determination should be consistent and timely throughout the state and should rely on the professional opinion of a doctor who knows and treats the individual personally. The MVA should be streamlining this process to get people safely back onto the road. This bill will help them achieve that goal.

MVA shall examine its current practices for medical case review including best practices for streamlining case review and utilizing electronic communication.

This bill passed the house unanimously. Thank you for your consideration of HB646.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delegate Michele Guyton".

Delegate Michele Guyton  
Vice Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee